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Dexter, Missouri – The search is over for the new varsity boys basketball head coach at Dexter Senior High School. The announcement came on Friday afternoon when the Board of Education officially released the minutes from their meeting approving the hiring of teacher Josh Dowdy to the position.

Coach Dowdy is a 1993 graduate of Dexter and his wife, Alana, graduated in 1994. He has two children, Ellie age 9 and Ben age 8 who attend Dexter Public Schools. He enjoys a good game of golf, Cardinal baseball and camping with friends and family.

Dowdy played basketball under Coach Hall and baseball under Coach Nugent and Asst. Coach Brian Becker. He was also a student body President during his high school career. He graduated from Murray State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and holds a Masters Degree in Secondary Administration from William Woods College.

“This is not just a coaching job to me,” commented Coach Dowdy. “This school and this community mean so much to me. This is my home and I can’t wait to

share my BEARCAT pride with these boys!"

Coach Dowdy has several years of experience. He served as an assistant under Chad Allen at Puxico back in 2006 and was part of the Indians' varsity boys district championship that season. He took over for Allen as head coach the next season. He later accepted the varsity boys basketball coaching position at Advance High School and was also their Athletic Director. He was 56-27 at Advance during his reign.

His most recent coaching position was with the Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School where he coached 7th and 8th grade boys basketball. The 7th grade boys won the SCAA Tournament and completed their season 13-1 and the 8th graders finished 10-5.

"I plan to coach my players and not necessarily a system," continued Dowdy. "It is not what system you run, but how you run it that counts."

Dowdy is currently searching for an assistant as well. Varsity Asst. Coach and JV Coach Mr. Shawn Guethle resigned this year to further his career outside of the Dexter Public Schools.

If you have never had the opportunity to watch Dowdy coach a basketball game, well you are in for a real treat! He coaches with a lot of enthusiasm and loves basketball. He coaches with a great amount of energy and passion for the game and whether it's on the court or off, he loves his players, he helps his players, he loves coaching and his enthusiasm for the sport is quite contagious.

When asked what he will bring to the basketball court, "I guarantee only two things. We will play hard and we will do it with class!"

Congratulations Coach Dowdy! We look forward to seeing you and the Bearcats on the court very soon.

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